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SUBJECT: U.S.-PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS GUIDANCE.

1. NEXT MONDAY'S ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE WILL APPARENTLY HAVE ARTICLE BASED AT LEAST PARTIALLY ON THE DISCLOSURE OF THE PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING POSITIONS AND THE ALLEGED U.S. ONES.

2. THE NEGOTIATORS ARE PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSES TO PRESS QUERIES. UNLESS ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY TO THE CONTRARY MONDAY MORNING THE EMBASSY MAY USE IT, AS APPROPRIATE, ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS. QUESTION: (TO BE ACCOMMODATED TO TIME ARTICLE) ANSWERS FOLLOW:

3. BEGIN QUOTE: A. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT MAJOR INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN PRIVACY. TO CONDUCT THEM IN PUBLIC IS TO IMPAIR, IF NOT PRECLUDE, THE PROSPECTS OF FULFILLING THE OBJECTIVE OF A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATION, WHICH IS TO ACCOMMODATE THE CONFLICTING

INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES IN AN HARMONIOUS WAY.

4. B. THE U.S. IS NOT AWARE THAT IT HAS BREACHED THE  
PRIVACY OF THE PANAMA NEGOTIATION.

5. C. THE U.S. WILL NOT COMMENT ON THE ALLEGED POSITIONS  
OF THE TWO PARTIES AS CITED IN THE MEDIA, EXCEPT TO SAY  
THAT THE ALLEGATIONS RELATE IN IMPORTANT MEASURE TO ISSUES

WHICH THE NEGOTIATORS OF BOTH SIDES HAVE NOT EVEN BEGUN TO  
ADDRESS. ACCORDINGLY IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW "POSITIONS  
"POSITIONS" ON THOSE ISSUES COULD PROPERLY BE ATTRIBUTED  
TO EITHER SIDE, EXCEPT BY REFERENCE TO PAST RATHER THAN  
PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS.

6. D. FINALLY, I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE  
SECRETARY'S COMMENT AT HIS MINNEAPOLIS PRESS CONFERENCE,  
TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE  
THE NEGOTIATIONS -- CONSULTING WITH THE CONGRESS AT  
EVERY PHASE, BUT DEFINITELY CONTINUING THEM. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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